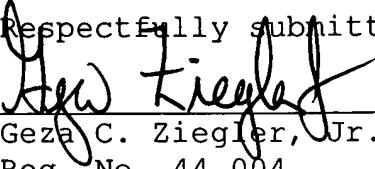


III. REMARKS

1. Applicant appreciates the allowance of claims 1-14.
2. The drawings are proposed to be amended to address the objections noted by the Examiner.
3. Claims 6,9 and 13 are amended to address the noted informalities.
4. Claims 17-32 are proposed to be added, directed to a terminal and network element accordingly to the invention. Entry is respectfully solicited.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

A check in the amount of \$474.00 is enclosed for the additional claim fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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